



MAGNOLIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board Of Directors

Board Agenda Item #	II.C
Date:	June 2, 2016
To:	MPS.Academic.Committee
From:	Caprice Young, Ed.D., CEO & Superintendent
Staff Lead:	Kelly Hourigan, Chief Operations Officer
RE:	LAUSD COP Written Notice for MSA 1-8

Proposed Board Recommendation

I propose that the Academic Committee recommends approval that the CEO sign and submit the attached written notice to inform LAUSD that MSA 1-8 may consider leaving to another SELPA.

Background

MSA 1-8 are currently members of the LAUSD Charter Operated Program for Special Education. The district (LAUSD) and the option 3 members will be starting bargaining agreements to write the new MOU. MSA 1-8 wants to submit the attached letter that serves as written notice should we consider LEA membership in a new SELPA. It is the interpretation of the CDE that you must submit a "year and a day notice" to your current SELPA by June 30th of the year preceding the year you wish to join a new SELPA. This means that in order to join a new SELPA for the 2017-2018 school year you need to alert the CDE and LAUSD's SELPA by June 30, 2016.

Budget Implications:

There are no budget implications at this time.

Name of Staff Originator:

Kelly Hourigan, Chief Operations Officer

Attachments:

Written Notice Letter for MSA 1-8 for LAUSD Special Education SELPA membership



June 6, 2016

Beth Kauffman
SELPA Director
LAUSD SELPA
333 S. Beaudry Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Dear Dr. Kauffman,

We sincerely appreciate the collaboration and support that participation in the Charter Operated Program provides, and it is our hope that the partnership between LAUSD and the charter school community continues to thrive. We are writing to express our gratitude for the ongoing collaboration, as well as to communicate specific concerns regarding the future ability of charter schools to exercise autonomy in the area of special education

As you know, state law provides California charter schools with two options for special education. Charter schools may operate as schools of their authorizing school district ("schools of the district") and participate in the SELPA in which their authorizer is a member. Alternatively, charter schools may join a SELPA independently of their authorizer, in which case they are deemed to be an independent Local Educational Agency (LEA) for special education purposes. In 2010, the State Board of Education voted to allow charter schools to participate in a SELPA outside of their geographic area, thereby expanding the range of SELPA options available to charter schools

Please accept this letter as notification that Magnolia Science Academy 1, Magnolia Science Academy 2, Magnolia Science Academy 3, Magnolia Science Academy 4, Magnolia Science Academy 5, Magnolia Science Academy 6, Magnolia Science Academy 7 and Magnolia Science Academy 8 intend to explore their options for SELPA membership, and may exit the LAUSD SELPA effective July 1, 2017.

Magnolia Science Academy 1, Magnolia Science Academy 2, Magnolia Science Academy 3, Magnolia Science Academy 4, Magnolia Science Academy 5, Magnolia Science Academy 6, Magnolia Science Academy 7 and Magnolia Science Academy 8 sincerely appreciates the collaboration and support that membership in the Charter Operated Program (COP) Division of the LAUSD SELPA currently allows charter schools in LAUSD and looks forward to ongoing engagement as the structure is explored.

If Magnolia Science Academy 1, Magnolia Science Academy 2, Magnolia Science Academy 3, Magnolia Science Academy 4, Magnolia Science Academy 5, Magnolia Science Academy 6, Magnolia Science Academy 7 and Magnolia Science Academy 8 finds that it is not in the best interest of its students to leave the LAUSD SELPA, it retains the right to rescind this notification and remain with the LAUSD SELPA for the 2017-2018 school year.

Please let me know if you require further information.

Sincerely,

Dr. Caprice Young
Chief Executive Officer and Superintendent
Magnolia Public Schools
213-628-3634

CC: Alexa Slater, California Department of Education at ASlater@cde.ca.gov
Gina Plate, California Charter Schools Association at GPlate@calcharters.org